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Mr. David Waddell  
Executive Secretary  
Tennessee Regulatory Authority  
460 James Robertson Parkway  
Nashville, Tennessee

RE: Docket 99-00711 - Tariff to Introduce BellSouth® Channelized Trunk Service

Dear Mr. Waddell:

The agenda for the TRA's Special Conference on Monday, December 20, 1999 includes the above-captioned docket. This is to request deferral of any action on this agenda item.

BellSouth is still working with the TRA Staff on this tariff and believes that additional time would be beneficial. The current tariff was filed with an effective date of January 4, 2000, and we understand that the next TRA Conference is scheduled for January 11, 2000. Therefore, we will be filing revised tariff pages to indicate the effective date as January 11, 2000.

We appreciate your cooperation in this matter. Please contact Paul Stinson at 214-3839 if you have any questions or wish to discuss.

Yours truly,

*Charlie Howorth*

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